

Golden House
Pretty Brook Road
Lawrence Township, Mercer County, New Jersey

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Owner: Colonel James Barnes, Stony Brook Farm

Date of Erection: 1770

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Excellent

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - stone

Interior walls - plaster
sides, wood ceiling except
in bathroom

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, wood shingles

Historical Data:

About a quarter of a mile behind the residence on Stony Brook Farm, which is the house of Colonel James Barnes and the eighteenth century home of the Bainbridge family, stands a stone house built in 1710 for John Golden whose deed for the property from Queen Anne is still preserved in the family. Fire destroyed

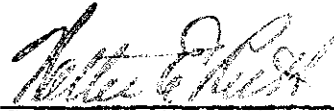
the main portion of the building; it was restored in 1770 which date was cut on a stone in the gable of the west elevation.

The walls of the house are nearly two feet thick. The beams are all hand hewn. There is unusual hardware of wrought iron and brass which is in perfect condition.

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